

A Message from Matt



Hi Everyone,

Our season of remembering has moved us through the Autumn, some of you would have heard me speak of each leaf that falls being like a silent reminder of the beauty and transience of life, the vibrant hues of red, orange, and gold speaking of both a time to pause and reflect and yet, at the same time, to see a time of celebration to come, each leaf offering us a final gift before they fade into the earth. As we approach Advent, we go knowing that there is so much ahead to prepare for, Christmas is always so busy and yet so wonder-filled. Our Advent series this year is entitled 'Prepare Him Room' and we will be focussing in on who it is that requires a space in our hearts. Might our preparations mean that we can find space, make space, so that we can indeed 'let the King of Glory in'. Lots have been happening and good things are simmering away, you might remember Godfrey from the Dufatanye project in Rwanda, he came and spoke in October, well the Refuge youth have felt compelled to raise some Christmas funds for the youth group in Rwanda and have decided on a pilgrimage, not to Rwanda but from Canford to the Coast. We have set up a Give-a-little campaign which can be accessed via the QR code or link below.



<https://givealittle.co/c/2a8qHzSHGNKz3dNZkDeE4D>

The young people will also be outside the Church on November 24th with sponsor forms as they prepare to head off at 10:30 am.

Please do support them!

You might have noticed the new handrails that have been fitted in our grounds, we really hope that you will find these helpful as winter approaches, so please do use them. A huge thank you to Archway Wrought Iron who made and fitted these for us, that our slippery slopes might be safer as the icy weather threatens its arrival.

It has been wonderful to see new folk stepping up and serving in various ways in the church and I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you all to please be praying as to whether you might be able to offer yourselves in some way, B@9 are in need of help in the kitchen, which I'm told can be a really fun way to serve and to get to know folk, We are becoming really quite desperate for help at 10:30 with either the sound-desk or operating the laptop, help is available so that you can learn a new skill and serve in this valuable way that helps our services to run smoothly.

Please, as always, continue to pray for the mission and ministry of our church and for the new homes that will soon become part of this beautiful community here in Canford.

Every blessing,

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